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Applicant:	KOFINK, Peter et al.) Examiner:
Application No.:	09/912,477) COHEN, A.R.
Filing Date:	July 26, 2001) Art Unit:
Atty. Docket No.:	3826 701) 2859
For:	STEERING COLUMN MODULE)
	(AS AMENDED))

December 12, 2003

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL
OF ABANDONMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
U.S.A.

Transmitted herewith is a request for withdrawal of abandonment for lack of response to a Final Office Action.

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(X) No additional fee is required.

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S.N. 09/912,477 filed July 26, 2001
KOFINK, Peter et al.

Atty. Docket: 3826 701

- () A Petition for Extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)
- () Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1030 in the amount of \$.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-1030.
- () Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- () Return Postcard Receipt

Respectfully submitted



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**Request to Withdraw Improper
Notice of Abandonment**

This is a request to withdraw an improper notice of abandonment for failure to respond to a final Office Action in the subject patent application.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS
**OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL
PROGRAMS EXAMINER**

A final rejection was mailed to the applicant in the subject patent application on February 27, 2003. On May 09, 2003 the applicant faxed a response to the final Office Action with proposed amendment. The USPTO issued an Advisory Action mailed on May 14, 2003 indicating receipt of the proposed amendment of May 09, 2003 but stated the Amendment has not entered, since new issues were raised thereby. The

Applicant then filed a Request for Continued Examination on July 28, 2003, requesting entry of the Amendment of May 09, 2003 and submitting all necessary fees. On November 10, 2003 a notice of abandonment, dated November 03, 2003, was received by the Applicant for lack of response to the final Office Action.

EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FACTS

Enclosed is a true copy of the filed Request for Continued Examination. The RCE includes a certificate of transmission and transmittal letter, a request for Extension of time, and a fax confirmation sheet indicating error-free transmission on July 28, 2003. Authorization of payment of fees was given for deposit account number 50-1030.

REQUEST

This submission provides clear evidence that a response to the final Office Action was properly and timely filed. The applicant therefore requests withdrawal of the notice of abandonment. Since this Request was necessitated by a US PTO error the applicant believes no additional fees are due. The Applicant authorizes the US PTO to charge fees related to the Request for Continued Examination or other fees related to this communication to deposit account number 50-1030.

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Enclosures:

Request for Continued Examination and Fax Confirmation (5 sheets)